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To the Department of Justice:

While I am happy to see the government pursuit of Microsoft under the Sherman Anti-trust Act come to an end, the proposed 'penalty' of allowing Microsoft to expand its educational market share by placing product in schools is preposterous.

Apple's Macintosh operating system (OS) is the primary competitor to Microsoft's Windows outside of big business, but has only 5% of OS market share worldwide. Education is one of the few areas where Mac OS market share is substantial, though still by no means dominant. The proposed 'penalty' rewards Microsoft and penalizes Apple, thus further eroding competition to the Windows OS in education.

I hope you will reconsider this ill-conceived 'remedy' and focus on reining in Microsoft's anti-competitive business practices, in order to encourage a more level playing field in the OS market.

Yours sincerely,

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